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SUBJECT: (U) PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON AFGHAN NATIONAL
ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION

REF: (A) KABUL 5463, (B) STATE 124996, (C) KABUL 5433

1. (U) A JULY 18 PRAVDA COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN DISCUSSED
THE CREATION BY THE PDPA POLITBURO OF A NATIONAL ORGANI-
ZATION FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION WHICH IS SUPPOSED
TO INCLUDE ALL "PROGRESSIVE AND PATRIOTIC FORCES OF THE
NATION, IRRESPECTIVE OF PARTY, RELIGIOUS, NATIONAL AND
SOCIAL AFFILIATION." ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, ITS MEMBERS
WILL BE THE PDPA, TRADE UNIONS, PEASANTS' COMMITTEES, THE
NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION, NATIONAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZA-
TION, THE COUNCIL OF ULEMAS AND OTHERS. PRAVDA SAYS THE
ORGANIZATION IS NEEDED TO COMBAT COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY
FORCES WHICH ARE BECOMING ACTIVE PRECISELY BECAUSE THE
GOVERNMENT'S REFORM MEASURES HAVE ALREADY BROUGHT IM-
PROVEMENT TO THE CONDITION OF ALL LEVELS OF THE WORKING
POPULATION. NO MENTION IS MADE OF A "UNITED NATIONAL
FRONT."

2. (C) COMMENT: THE PRAVDA COMMENTARY MAKES CLEAR THAT
THE SOVIET UNION APPROVES OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION AND
LENS CREDENCE TO REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS EN-
COURAGED THE PDPA TO BROADEN ITS BASE OF SUPPORT AND TO
TRY TO SEEK A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO ITS DIFFICULTIES
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